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ONE FOR EVERY SABBATH IN THE YEAR.

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BY THE  
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TO THE

REV. THOMAS BINNEY,

THE FOLLOWING

SONGS OF PRAISE

ARE DEDICATED AS A SMALL TOKEN OF THE  
AUTHOR'S GREAT ESTEEM.

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## P R E F A C E .

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THE writer of the following songs of praise is aware that there are now many thousands of persons who are very fond of chaunt music—not only in the Established Church, but also among Dissenters. And many chaunt tunes have been lately composed by some of our first masters of music. There has, however, hitherto, been an objection to singing of chaunts in congregational worship, because no hymns have been found of sufficient length to give time of rest for the minister, &c., during the different parts of the service; because four or five verses sung to a chaunt do not take above a quarter of the time that would be expended in singing them to a common tune: consequently, a hymn should be from twelve to sixteen verses in length if a chaunt tune be sung.

Such being the case, it occurred to the Author that a book of songs of praise, suitable for chaunts,

might prove acceptable. He is aware that some may say we can chaunt the Psalms. It has, however, been found that a mixed congregation cannot chant Psalms well until they have chanted them several times, in consequence of the different number of words in the verses.

The following songs of praise are all in the common metre, which is the most appropriate for chaunt music. And the Author trusts that they will be found pleasing and instructive, independent of the specific object for which they are intended:

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Hackney Road.

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